

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1, first paragraph, as follows:

This application is a U.S. National Phase application of PCT/US2003/027739
filed September 5, 2003, and this application is related to the following commonly
assigned U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application No. _____
60/500,507 (attorney docket no. 1725.173US01), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled
"System and Method for Detection of Specific On-Air Data Rate," U.S. Patent
Application No. _____60/500,515 (attorney docket no. 1725.162US01), filed
September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Mobile Demand Reset," U.S.
Patent Application No. _____60/500,504 (attorney docket no. 1725.160US01),
filed September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Optimizing Contiguous
Channel Operation with Cellular Reuse," U.S. Patent Application No.
_____60/500,479 (attorney docket no. 1725.156US01), filed September 5,
2003, entitled "Synchronous Data Recovery System," U.S. Patent Application No.
_____60/500,550 (attorney docket no. 1725.161US01), filed September 5,
2003, entitled "Data Communication Protocol in an Automatic Meter Reading System,"
U.S. Patent Application No. _____ (attorney docket no. 1725.167US01), filed
September 5, 2003, entitled "Response Optimization for Mobile and Fixed Network
Operations," and U.S. Patent Application No. _____10/655,760 (attorney
docket no. 10145-8011.US00), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled "Synchronizing and
Controlling Software Downloads, such as for Components of a Utility Meter-Reading
System," all of which are herein incorporated by reference.